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March 14, 2000

Mr. Dale Hatfield
Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, SW, Room 7-C155
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Withdrawal of U S WEST Communications Initial
Service Disruption Report

Dear Mr. Hatfield:

On Saturday, March 4, 2000 at 1900 Mountain Standard Time, U S WEST Communications (USWC) filed with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) an Initial Service Disruption Report (initial report) regarding a fiber cable cut. This report identified the geographic areas directly affected as Cottonwood, Prescott, and Phoenix, Arizona.

At the time the estimated number of customers affected was reported as 7,300. The types of services affected were reported to be toll service and FAA (circuits). Although the estimated number of customers affected clearly did not warrant an initial service disruption report to the FCC, USWC was led to believe at the time of the event that the impact on FAA circuits to the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport (Sky Harbor) was significant enough to warrant such a report. Sky Harbor is a major airport. Based on this belief the March 4, 2000 initial report was filed with the FCC.

USWC has since determined that the impact on FAA circuits to Sky Harbor did not meet the definition of an outage that must be reported to the FCC. USWC has determined that fewer than half of the circuits providing air traffic control links or other FAA communications to Sky Harbor were affected by the cable cut, and that half of those that were affected were equipped with re-route and/or back-up capabilities which were invoked. Thus, only 25% of the air traffic control links or other FAA communication links were disrupted. This is well below the 50% reporting threshold established in Section 63.100(a)(6) of the FCC's rule. USWC has also confirmed that radar capability was not lost at Sky Harbor. USWC is not aware of any media attention received by this cable cut relative to Sky Harbor. The cable cut did not cause a loss of both primary and backup facilities at Sky Harbor, nor has the FAA indicated by inquiry to USWC that this outage was deemed important.

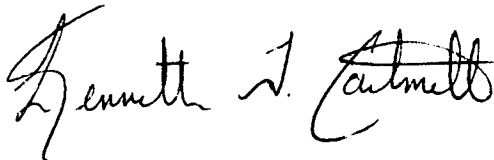
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USWC has also confirmed that the estimated number of customers affected reported in the initial report (7,300) was correct.

Based on the information cited above, the event reported in USWC's March 4, 2000 initial report does not meet the criteria for reporting to the FCC. Consequently, USWC hereby withdraws the initial report filed on that date. No additional reports pursuant to CFR 47, Section 63.100 will be filed concerning this matter.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact me at 202-429-3136.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kenneth J. Eastmell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kenneth" and last name "Eastmell" clearly legible, and "J." as a middle initial.

Attachment

cc: Mr. Robert Kimball
Mr. Stagg Newman

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FCC INITIAL REPORT

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U S WEST - Large Scale Abnormal Condition Report (LSACR)
Service Disruption Report

[X] 120 MINUTE REPORT [] 3 DAY REPORT

ACR #: AZ.000304.006Date Of Incident: 03/04/00 Time Of Incident: 14:14 MSTGeographic Area Directly Affected: COTTONWOOD, PRESCOTT, PHOENIX AZ
(Cities, LATA(s), States(s)) CAMP VERDE, RIA ROCKCLLI code(s) for affected area: CTWDAZ MADSO, CMVRAZMARSI
CMVRAZRRS1Estimated Number of Customers Affected: 7300
[i.e. Access lines in the switch, LATA(s) or States(s)]Types of Services Affected (e.g. Local, Toll, 800, 911, FAA, etc.): TOLL, FAADuration of Outage (Hours & Minutes): ONGOINGEstimated Number of Blocked Calls: UNDER INVESTIGATIONApparent Cause of Incident: CONTRACTOR CUT FIBER
CABLE.Method Used to Restore Service: SECTION OF FIBER ENROUTE
TO SPLICE.Steps Taken to Prevent Recurrence: UNDER INVESTIGATIONCONTACT PERSON: Kenneth Cartmell-Exec. Dir-Fed Regulatory Ph: 202-429-3136
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700 W. Mineral, Littleton, CO 80120Date Reported to FCC: 03/04/00 Time Reported to FCC: 19:00 MSTPerson Faxing Report: CHRIS BASQUEZ (Include AM/PM, Time Zone)
Time Confirmed with FCC: _____Telephone Number: 800-879-1200 FCC Contact Name: _____**PRI FAX: Monitoring Watch Officer (202) 418-2812-Confirm at (202) 632-6975**

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